

# Cyngor Sir CEREDIGION County Council

**REPORT TO:** Learning Communities Overview and Scrutiny  
Committee

**DATE:** 2 March 2022

<b>TITLE:</b>	<b>21<sup>st</sup> Century Band B Projects and Additional Grant Funding</b>
<b>PURPOSE OF REPORT:</b>	<b>Provide an update on progress on 21st Century Band B Projects and Projects delivered using additional Grant Funding</b>
<b>REASON SCRUTINY HAVE REQUESTED THE INFORMATION:</b>	

## **BACKGROUND:**

The original 21<sup>st</sup> Century Band B Strategic Outline Plan submitted to Welsh Government in 2017 included the following projects with an intervention rate of 50% match funding – the total estimated cost being £15,300,000

£600,000	Pontrhydfendigaid
£1,800,000	Cardigan Primary
£5,800,000	Cardigan Secondary
£7,100,000	Aeron Valley Area School
£15,300,000	

Due to securing additional 100% grant funding, and the change in the intervention rate, a revised Strategic Outline Plan was submitted and approved in 2019 where Pontrhydfendigaid was removed from our Band B programme as £600,000 (100% funding) was secured from the Reducing Class Size Grant. In addition, £1,000,000 was also secured from the same grant as a contribution towards Cardigan Primary School.

Following confirmation of the above additional grant funding, Canolfan y Môr project was escalated from Band C to Band B – the result being that we were still within the original funding envelope approved in 2017.

<u>Band B</u>	<u>Total Cost</u>	<u>Project</u>	<u>Reducing Class Size Grant</u>	<u>Childcare Grant</u>
	£600,000	Pontrhydfendigaid	£600,000	
£800,000	£1,800,000	Cardigan Primary	£1,000,000	
£5,800,000	£5,800,000	Cardigan Secondary		
£6,312,500	£7,100,000	Aeron Valley		£787,500
£1,273,000	£1,273,000	Canolfan y Môr		
£14,185,500				

## CURRENT SITUATION:

Having now received a tender price for Canolfan y Môr and updating our estimated costs for both Aeron Valley and Cardigan Primary, the anticipated funding required is as follows

<u>School</u>	<u>Total Cost</u>	<u>Additional Funding</u>	<u>Remaining Cost</u>	<u>WG Contribution</u>	<u>LA Contribution</u>
Cardigan Secondary	£5,800,000 Actual		£5,800,000	£3,770,000	£2,030,000
Canolfan y Môr	£1,454,253 Actual		£1,454,253	£1,090,690	£363,563
Cardigan Primary	£3,050,000 Estimate	£1,000,000 Reducing class size grant	£2,050,000	£1,332,500	£717,500
Aeron Valley	£10,932,950 Estimate	£787,500 Childcare Capital Grant	£10,145,450	£6,594,542	£3,550,907
			£19,449,703	£12,787,732	£6,661,970

Due to the change in the intervention rate and also successfully securing additional grant funding, the overall contribution from the Local Authority has reduced since the original submission.

### Cardigan Secondary School

Work commenced on site in July 2021 and is scheduled to be complete by January 2023

## Canolfan y Môr

Work is due to commence February 2022 and scheduled to be complete by December 2022

## Cardigan Primary

The tender is due to be published in February 2022 with the work due to commence in July 2022.

## Aeron Valley

The land purchase was completed in November 2021 and the Strategic Outline Case approved by Welsh Government in December 2021 for the estimated build cost of £10,932,950. The tender to appoint consultants to develop the project is due to be published in February 2022. Once the consultants have developed the scheme and a final tender price received, the Outline Business Case and Final Business Case will be presented to Welsh Government for approval by December 2022. New school scheduled to be open by September 2024.

## Welsh Language Capital Grant

A further application for 100% grant funding has been submitted to Welsh Government for £5,574,290 to support the aspirations included in the Draft Welsh in Education Strategic Plan 2022 – 2032 where a decision is expected by the end of February 2022.

<b>WELLBEING OF FUTURE GENERATIONS:</b>	<b>Has an Integrated Impact Assessment been completed? If, not, please state why – n/a</b>	
	<b><u>Summary:</u></b>	
	<b><u>Long term:</u></b>	
	<b><u>Integration:</u></b>	
	<b><u>Collaboration:</u></b>	
	<b><u>Involvement:</u></b>	
	<b><u>Prevention:</u></b>	

<b>RECOMMENDATION (S):</b>
For information
<b>REASON FOR RECOMMENDATION (S):</b>

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<b>Acronyms:</b>	
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